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enabling the at least one customer household to preselect and record transmitted music selections in a storage medium;

permitting the at least one customer household to select recorded music selections for unrestricted playback;

communicating unrestricted playback selection information from the at least one customer household to a central controller system; and

billing the at least one customer household for the recorded music selections that are selected for unrestricted playback.

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10. (Amended) A system for distributing music to customer households comprising the steps of:

transmission means for simultaneously blanket transmitting a plurality of music selections and information identifying available music selections to a plurality of customer households;

a computer-based recording, storage and playback station at the least one customer household, said station comprising:

means enabling the customer to preselect, from the transmitted availability information, available music selections for recording;

means for receiving simultaneous transmission of multiple music selections on a plurality of inputs and for recording the received music selections in a storage medium;

means enabling the customer to select recorded music selections for unrestricted playback; and,

means for communicating unrestricted playback selection information from user station to a central controller system; and,

1 a billing system associated with the central controller system to bill the at least one customer household for the recorded music selections that are selected for unrestricted playback.

Please add claims 24-30 as follows.

Sub C 24. The method of claim 1, wherein the transmitted music is recorded on DVD RAM.

25. The system of claim 10, wherein the means for recording comprises DVD RAM.

B3 26. A method of distributing music to customer households comprising the steps of:  
blanket transmitting at faster than real time speeds a plurality of music selections to a plurality of customer households;  
providing at least one customer household with information identifying available music selections that will be transmitted;  
enabling the at least one customer household to preselect and record transmitted music selections;  
permitting the at least one customer household to select recorded music selections for unrestricted playback;  
communicating unrestricted playback selection information from the at least one customer household to a central controller system; and  
billing the at least one customer household for the recorded music selections that are selected for unrestricted playback.

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27. A system for distributing music to customer households comprising the steps of:

a transmitter blanket transmitting, at faster than real time speeds, a plurality of music selections and information identifying available music selections to a plurality of customer households;

a computer-based recording, storage and playback station at at least one customer household, said station comprising:

a first interface enabling the customer to preselect, from the transmitted availability information, available music selections for recording;

a recording module recording transmitted music selections in a storage medium;

a second interface enabling the customer to select recorded music selections to maintain for unrestricted playback; and,

an output communicating unrestricted playback selection information from the user station to a central controller system; and,

a billing system associated with the central controller system to bill the at least one customer household for the recorded music selections that are selected for unrestricted playback.

28. A method of distributing music to customer households comprising the steps of:

blanket transmitting a plurality of music selections to a plurality of customer households;

providing at least one customer household with information identifying available music selections that will be transmitted;

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enabling the at least one customer household to preselect and record transmitted music selections on DVD-RAM;

permitting the at least one customer household to select recorded music selections to maintain for unrestricted playback;

communicating unrestricted playback selection information from the at least one customer household to a central controller system; and

billing the at least one customer household for the recorded music selections that are selected for unrestricted playback.

29. A system for distributing music to customer households comprising the steps of:

a transmitter blanket transmitting a plurality of music selections and information identifying available music selections to a plurality of customer households;

a computer-based recording, storage and playback station at at least one customer household, said station comprising:

a first interface enabling the customer to preselect, from the transmitted availability information, available music selections for recording;

a recording module recording transmitted music selections on DVD RAM;

a second interface enabling the customer to select recorded music selections to maintain for unrestricted playback; and,

an output communicating unrestricted playback selection information from the user station to a central controller system; and,

a billing system associated with the central controller system to bill the at least one customer household for the recorded music selections that are selected for unrestricted playback.

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